Cases against IAS Officers

†864. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation has sought permission to initiate cases against some I.A.S. officers during the year 2003;

(b) if so, the names of those officers against whom C.B.I. has sought the permission and the dates on which such a request was made in each case; and

(c) the details of cases for which approval has been granted to C.B.I. by the end of October, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The CBI has sought sanction for prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in respect of 3 IAS officers during the year 2003.

(b)

Name of officer	Date of receipt
Shri Subhash Sharma	31/10/03
Shri Rakesh Bahadur	01/10/03
Ms. Nagambika Devi	16/10/03

(c) None.

CVC'S order for Curbing Practice of Gifts to Government Officials

865. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had issued an order recently prohibiting the practice of piling Government officials/ officers with gifts on important festivals and other parties/functions;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the order issued by the CVC;

(c) what method the CVC is using to curb the practice of providing gifts to officers of PSUs, banks and other Government organisations;

(d) whether under CSS rules, Government officials are debarred from obtaining gifts of the value of more than Rs. 25/-; and

(e) if so, the reasons for duplication of work by issuing an order by the CVC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commission has issued a circular banning the presentation of gifts by Public Sector Undertakings and Government Agencies to the public servants. The Chief Vigilance Officers of the respective organizations have been asked to monitor the expenditure in their organizations.

(d) Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, provide that a Government Servant shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the Government, if the value of such gifts exceeds Rs. 1000/-, in the case of officials holding the posts of Group 'A' and 'B', and Rs. 250/- in the case of Group 'C' and 'D' officials.

(e) CVC issued aforesaid order to discourage practice of accepting gifts by Government officials. Such orders are issued from time to time by the CVC to reiterate and reinforce the already existing instructions.

Moratorium in Government Appointments

866. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all appointments in the Government remain under moratorium;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;